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Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner's allowance of claims 1-12, 14-15, 17 and 20-28 is respectfully acknowledged.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that withdrawn claims 13, 16, 18 and 19 are also in condition for immediate allowance since they depend from allowed generic claim 1. It is respectfully requested, therefore, that the Examiner now act on (and allow) withdrawn claims 13, 16, 18 and 19.

The claims have been amended only to make minor grammatical improvements and to correct minor antecedent basis problems so as to put the claims in better form for issuance in a U.S. patent. In particular, it is noted that the informality pointed out by the Examiner has been corrected.

No new matter has been added, and no new issues with respect to patentability have been raised.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the amendments to the claims be approved and entered, and that all of the claims be allowed.

It is respectfully submitted, moreover, that the amendments to the claims are clearly clerical in nature and are not related to patentability and do not narrow the scope of the claims either literally or under the doctrine of equivalents.

THE DRAWINGS

Figure 18 has been amended as indicated on the annotated sheet submitted herewith to correct the representation of the bottom core 65. In particular, the bottom-most portion of bottom core 65 in Fig. 18 has been extended to match the correct representation of bottom core 65 in Fig. 17. In this connection, moreover, it is noted that the shape of the bottom core 65 in Fig. 18 now also matches the shape of the bottom core 79 shown in Figs. 2 and 21 (which differs only in thickness.)

It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added, and it is respectfully requested that the amendment to Fig. 18 be approved and entered.

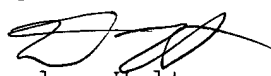
Submitted herewith is a replacement sheet of formal drawing which incorporates the amendment.

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Response to Office Action

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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